

**Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 6, 2013
Secretary – Al Montoya**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Al Montoya and Jennifer Kaufman.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.
- II. The minutes for the January 2, 2013 meeting were approved with minor changes – Al Montoya motion, Tom Harrington second.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Park updates
 - i. Schoolhouse Brook and Pine Ridge need to be walked for an assessment.
 - ii. Al walked Shelter Falls and had nothing to report.
 - b. Park projects/grants/initiatives
 - i. Jennifer has a meeting soon to discuss the Universal Access Trail around Bicentennial Pond.
 - ii. A public forum will be scheduled soon to include numerous stakeholders.
 - iii. Recreational trail grant is due in March 2013.
 - c. Recent Programming
 - i. There were no previous programs.
 - d. Mansfield Tomorrow
 - i. The kickoff event for Mansfield Tomorrow was held on January 30 at 7:00p.m. There were approximately 90 residents in attendance.
 - ii. The Forum on Growing Farms in Mansfield was held on February 2 from 8:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. There were approximately 50 residents in attendance.
 - iii. The website for Mansfield Tomorrow was shared. It is www.mansfieldtomorrow.com.
 - iv. On March 9 at 9:00a.m. there will be a community visioning session to discuss the future of Mansfield.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Upcoming events
 - i. Star party is scheduled for February 15 at 7:00p.m.
 - ii. Frog Frolic is scheduled for April 2013.
 - iii. Trail Day is coming up and Mt. Hope was identified as the park for the upcoming program.
 - iv. The Willimantic River Alliance has a river paddle scheduled for Trail Day.

- b. Eagle Scout Projects
 - i. There is a need for an Eagle Scout Project for Shelter Falls.
 - c. NAV Volunteer Award
 - i. There were no nominees this month. The committee decided to postpone until April to allow for more input.
- V. Announcements
 - a. Updates were provided for the Open Space and Agriculture Committee.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Al Montoya, Secretary